

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are present in this application. Claim 8 has been canceled, and subject matter of which has been incorporated into claim 1.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

§ 102/103 Rejections

Claims 1-5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 4,791,623 (Deiotte).

Claims 6 and 7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Deiotte in view of U.S. Patent 6,134,586 (Walker).

Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate subject matter from allowable claim 8. Subject matter of claim 8 covers the embodiments related to Figure 9B (see "Continuous-Area Location Information"; description beginning on page 14, line 11; description of Figs. 3, 7, 8, 10-12 also pertain to continuous area ensuring mode).

Applicant submits that the subject matter in dependent claims 2-7 is applicable as well to the embodiments covered by claim 8. Claim 2 covers Fig. 7 and page 22, lines 16-19. Claim 3 covers steps S21 and S22 in Fig. 12. Claim 4 covers steps S12 and S16 in Fig. 11. Claim 5 covers Fig. 11. Claim 6 covers the description at page 18, lines 13-15. Claim 7 covers the description at page 18, line 25, to page 19, line 4.

There being no remaining issues, Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

In view of the above remarks, it is believed that claims are allowable.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact **Robert Downs** Reg. No. 48,222 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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